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Divine Service Setting I – The Nativity of Our Lord

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† **In this complex world** of mass communication, we are bombarded with information. Video images flash nearly everywhere we look. Pulsating music blares at every turn. It seems there's nowhere we can go to escape the noise. **Well, here's your chance** to unplug, to step out of the world and its culture and participate in something mystical. Here we will *sing* with angels and archangels. Here we will *listen* to the voice of God through His ancient texts. Here the saints of God will *share* in the very body and blood of Christ given and shed for the forgiveness of sins. This is a holy place, a holy time, a holy thing that we do - or, rather, that God does in and for us through His Means of Grace. **So, turn off your cell phone**, tune out the cacophony of competing voices, and log in to this moment and the message God has for you today, for He is here to meet you as He has promised.

† **We ask that those desiring to commune** be members in good standing of Trinity or of a sister congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. If you have questions regarding this, please speak with the pastor. **For those with hearing aids**-we offer the Hearing Loop, switch hearing aid to t-coil. Other assistive listening devices are available. If interested, an usher will be happy to assist you.

OPENING HYMN Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising **LSB 375**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION **LSB 151**

INTROIT *Ps. 98:1–4; antiphon: Is. 9:6*

P For to us a child is born, to us a son is | given,*
and the government shall be upon his | shoulder,
and his name shall be called Wonderful | Counselor,*
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, | Prince of Peace.

C **Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done | marvelous things!***
His right hand and his holy arm have worked salva- | tion for him.

P The LORD has made known his sal- | vation,*
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.

C **He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of | Israel.***

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation | of our God.

P Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth;*
break forth into joyous song and sing | praises!

ALL: Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

P For to us a child is born, to us a son is | given;*
and the government shall be upon his | shoulder,
and his name shall be called Wonderful | Counselor,*
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, | Prince of Peace.

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| KYRIE | | LSB 152-153 |
| HYMN OF PRAISE ~ <i>This Is the Feast</i> | | LSB 155 |
| OLD TESTAMENT READING ~ <i>Isaiah 52:7-10</i> | | PB 613 |
| GRADUAL | | <i>Is. 9:6; Ps. 98:1a</i> |
| P To us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder. And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things! | | |
| EPISTLE ~ <i>Hebrews 1:1-6</i> | | PB 1001 |
| ALLELUIA and VERSE | | LSB 156 |
| HOLY GOSPEL ~ <i>John 1:1-14</i> | | PB 886 |
| HYMN OF THE DAY | What Child Is This | LSB 370 |
| SERMON | “Now What?” | <i>John 1:1-14</i> |
| NICENE CREED | | LSB 158 |
| PRAYER OF THE CHURCH | | |
| OFFERING ~ <i>please sign & pass the pew fellowship register</i> | | |
| OFFERTORY | | LSB 159-160 |
| SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT | | LSB 160 and following |
| DISTRIBUTION HYMNS | | |
| | Hark! The Herald Angels Sing | LSB 380 |
| | Joy to the World | LSB 387 |
| | O Little Town of Bethlehem | LSB 361 |
| POST COMMUNION CANTICLE ~ <i>Thank the Lord</i> | | LSB 164 |
| CLOSING HYMN | Angels We Have Heard on High | LSB 368 |